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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY), IT

SUBJECT: KISSINGER TRIP TO ITALY

REF: ROME 16463

1. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE KISSINGER ASSOCIATE, WHO CATEGORICALLY DENIES RUMOR OF POSSIBLE MEETING WITH BERLINGUER. STORY MAY HAVE COME ABOUT BECAUSE OF NBC REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW BETWEEN BERLINGUER (OR OTHER HIGH PCI OFFICIAL) AND DAVID BRINKLEY IN CONNECTION WITH NBC NEWS SPECIAL ON EUROCOMMUNISM TO BE AIRED JANUARY 19. KISSINGER STOP IN ROME WILL BE TO FILM FOOTAGE IN CONNECTION WITH NBC SPECIAL.

2. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND PM ANDREOTTI HAS GRANTED BRINKLEY
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AN INTERVIEW, WHICH MAY INCLUDE DR. KISSINGER AS WELL.

3. FYI. MICHAEL LEDEEN PLANS TO PRECEDE KISSINGER TO ROME, ARRIVING OCTOBER 21 AND STAYING WITH CAO ARNDT. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF KISSINGER PROGRAM WITH HIM. AS A SECURITY PRECAUTION, KISSINGER WISHES EXACT DATES OF HIS ROME STOP TO REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL. EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE

FORE REFRAIN FROM COMMENTING ON KISSINGER ITINERARY. END
FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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